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Office Action Summary

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
10/730,119	ITO ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
David Nhu	2818	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

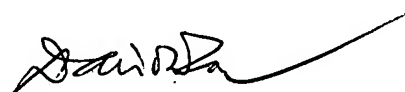
Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTIONS

Specifications

1. Page 21, line 23, "by the cramping surface 16a" should be --by the **clamping** surface 16a--

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ito(6,703,261 B2).

Regarding claim 13, Ito, (see figures 1, 2, 7, 8, col. 15, lines 7-44), teaches a semiconductor device 1 comprising: a metal plate 4 for mounting a semiconductor chip 15, 16, said metal plate having an edge portion formed with a depressed portion 4a; a plurality of leads 5, 6 connected electrically to said semiconductor chip; and molding body 2 for molding said semiconductor chip and a part of each said plurality of leads, wherein each of said plurality of leads has one end disposed above said depressed portion 4a of said metal plate.

Regarding claims 14-16, Ito, (see figures 1-2, 7-8, col. 13, lines 16-67, col. 14, lines 1-67, col. 15, lines 1-44), also teaches an insulator 2 is disposed between each of said plurality of leads 5, 6 and said metal plate 4; the insulator is molding body 2; plurality of leads have respective portion 9 for supporting said metal plate 4 (see figures 1, 2).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-12 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the references of record teaches or suggests as cited in claims 1, 12: a molding body for molding said semiconductor chip and a part of each of said plurality of leads, wherein a slit, extending lengthwise in a direction in which said lead is extracted, is formed in each of said leads located outside said molding body, wherein said slit is formed in said bent portion, and those of a plurality of outer-lead split portions separated by said slits which are adjacent to each other are connected at respective tip portions thereof.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Ito'112, Spairisano'307, Bartlow'649, Dolber'474 are cited as of interest.

4. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expired 3 (three) months and 0 (zero) day from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned (see 710.02 (b)).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication on earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Nhu, (571)272-1792. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571)272-1787.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

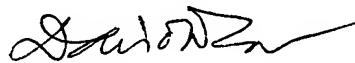
Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding

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David Nhu



February 18, 2005